

# Montana Department of Agriculture – Organic Certification Program

## Annual Certification Fee Schedule- Handlers

### Application Fees (submitted with the application)

- Base Fee
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges less than \$20,000 **\$215**
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges of \$20,000 - 100,000 **\$250**
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges of greater than \$100,000 **\$400**
- Producer/Handler Allowance (if applying for both categories) **subtract** **-\$115**
- New Application Fee (for first-time applicants) **\$150**
  - Waived for Conversion Program participants
- Late Fee **\$200**
  - Applications to renew handler certification are due by the anniversary date of the original application.
  - New handler applications may be submitted at any time and are not subject to the late fee.

### Assessment Fees

Certified handling operations pay an annual assessment fee based on their level of gross annual sales and handling charges of organic products. Assessments are charged according to the following schedule:

- Operations with sales/handling charges less than \$5,000 **\$ 25**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$5,000 – 20,000 **\$ 50**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$20,000 – 40,000 **\$ 100**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$40,000 – 100,000 **\$ 200**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$100,000 – 250,000 **\$ 500**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$250,000 – 500,000 **\$1,000**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$500,000 – 1,000,000 **\$2,000**
- Operations with sales/handling charges greater than \$1,000,000 **\$4,000**

**Inspection Fees:** Billed at cost of service, plus 10% administrative fee

### Miscellaneous Fees

- Materials Charges
  - Application Packet (may deduct from application fee) **\$ 10**
  - Operation Certificates (extra copies) **\$ 5**
  - Transaction Documentation Forms (producer completed, book of 10) **\$ 10**
  - Transaction Documentation Forms (MDA completed, sale specific, each) **\$ 10**
  - Returned Checks **\$ 25**